Sovereign Grace Church

August 13th, 2023

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence…"—
"…He shall save the humble person."

(Job 22:25,29)

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"My spiritual life began in looking to Christ only. The way I persevere in the faith is by continuing to look to Christ only. My desire is that the last breath I take here on earth will be looking to Christ only. The employment of eternity, albeit without this sinful nature, will be looking to Christ only! *"We shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is"* (1 John 3:2), and will still look to Him only." [AMEN!]

— Todd Nibert (Lexington, KY)

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!
Desta Richards, August 25th
Peyton Spring, August 30th

Resources

BE sure to visit our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

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"As He is, so are we in this world!"

"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world."

(1 John 4:17)

THERE is nothing about me that feels complete. I always feel there is something lacking in my faith, love, repentance, sincerity or anything else. But God's Word tells me I am complete in Him. Not I will be complete or I am in the process of being made complete, but I am, right now, complete, lacking nothing, completely filled. However complete the Christ is, that is how complete I am; *"As He is, so are we in this world"* (1 John 4:17). We have this on the authority of God's Word. We may not feel complete, but we are complete. [AMEN!]

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"Though He slay me…"

"Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him: but I will maintain mine own ways before Him." (Job 13:15)

BELOVED, our brother said *"Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him…"* (Job 13:15). Though my LORD and GOD kill me, yet will I ever trust Him. Though my circumstances may not give me the 'feeling of being saved,' yet will I trust Him. How do I trust Him? By God's grace I believe His Word, "The Word of Truth, the gospel of ALL my salvation!" [Romans 1:1,3; Ephesians 1:13]. Another brother said "Feelings come and feelings go, and feelings are deceiving; my warrant is the Word of God—naught else is worth believing."

Friend, *"Say not thou, I will recompense evil* [say not, I will put things right with God]*; but wait on the LORD* [who did recompense evil, by the blood and righteousness of His Son—by His sin atoning death and obedience—wait on the LORD]*, and He shall save thee"* (Proverbs 20:22, Hebrews 12:2).

Does someone ask, "Am I one of the elect?" That is not the question my friend, the question is 'Do you know your election?' You do, if God has taught you that He sent His Son into the world to save chosen chief sinners. How do I know that He came into the world to save me? Reader, are you a sinner? Because that's all the *writer* is; and by His grace I believe the record that God gave of His Son, to do otherwise would be to make God out to be a liar, and that can never be! [1 Timothy 1:15].

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made [God] *a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life"* (1 John 5:10-12). AMEN.

— JDM (New Caney, TX)

Good Hope Through Grace

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work." (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

By a God-given poverty of any hope of any remedy found in my self or anyone else, I find myself ever prostrate before my Lord and God, Jesus Christ, crying out with my brother, *"Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean."* And now, by God's grace, I live by God-given faith, waiting on Him who said to that sin filled filthy leper *"I will; be thou clean,"* be thou whole, be thou complete! [Matthew 8:2-3, Colossians 2:9-10]. And now, by God's grace, I am what I am; a sinner *with* my Lord and God, Jesus Christ, as all my hope—hoping in Him alone that delights to save sinners to the uttermost! [Micah 7:Hebrews 7:25, Revelation 17:18-20].

The prophet said *"…the work of righteousness shall be peace* [the work of Christ's imputed righteousness is all my peace, that of Him being this sinner's substitute of everything I need to be accepted in God's sight]; *and the effect of* [His] *righteousness* [being made mine, I pray—so that now I may have] *quietness and assurance for ever."* (Isaiah 32:17)

"Blessed assurance, JESUS is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood."

Reader, do you believe the record that God gave of His Son? The Lord of Glory said, *"…him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."*—*"…this is the Father's will which hath sent Me, that of all which He hath given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day"* (John 6:37, 39). Do you possess the Son as all your *good hope through grace*? [1 John 5:12, 2 Thessalonians 2:16]. Our Lord possesses His people, and by God's grace we possess our Lord, and we wait for Him, our merciful Saviour—for He is all our hope; the blood and righteousness of His marvelous amazing grace saves sinners to the *uttermost*. And what He did on our behalf, beloved, is the basis of all our hope of salvation, as we wait, to see Him face to face,—*"Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood"* (Revelation 1:5). AMEN.

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